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**Former Texas First Lady Connally Dies At Age 87**

AUSTIN — Former Texas first lady Idanell "Nellie" Brill Connally, 87, died Sept. 1 at her residence in Austin.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered that flags be flown at half-staff Sept. 6, from sunrise to sunset, in honor of Mrs. Connally. She was the wife

of the late Gov. John B. Connally. Burial was in the State Cemetery Sept. 6.

News of Mrs. Connally's death made headlines and newscasts the world over. As first lady of Texas, she rode in the limousine with her husband and President

and Mrs. John F. Kennedy when assassin's bullets rang out on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by Gov. Connally in 1993.

**Report details state economy**

The Austin think-tank, Center for Public Policy Priorities, issued its annual report, "The State of Working Texas 2006."

The eight-page report, released Sept. 6, shows how Texans are faring economically, based on wages they earn and other measures.

On the bright side, Texas' unemployment rate continues to decline and the Lone Star State is adding jobs at a faster rate than the U.S. as a whole, the report said.

But nearly five years since the 2001-02 recession, the economy has not rebounded with advances in household income or real wages. Texas has shown a 6.2 percent decline in real median (inflation-adjusted) household income since 2002.

Nearly all demographic groups have experienced this decline, but younger workers and African-Americans were hardest hit, the

report said.

Education and health services is the fastest-growing sector of the workforce, having increased 15.3 percent since 2000.

McAllen-Edinburg-Mission was the area of the state with the highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent, but McAllen-Edinburg-Mission also had the highest job growth over the last year, with a 6.5 percent increase.

A chart in the report showed the importance of education. The more educated a Texas resident is, the less likely he or she is to be unemployed.

In yet another measure, Texas had a median hourly wage of \$12.50, far below the national average of \$14.28. But, Texas came in a few cents better than its neighbors, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The complete report can be found online at [www.cppp.org](http://www.cppp.org).

**Candidates say what they'll do**

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Gov. Perry rolled out their gubernatorial campaign commercials on television.

Strayhorn portrays herself as the candidate who will shake up the good old boys network in Austin and Perry promotes himself as

the candidate who will keep Texas borders safe.

Kinky Friedman, though not through paid TV commercials, said he would do more than Perry when it comes to border security. He said Texas has its own army, the Texas National Guard, and he would order 10,000 troops to the border right away.

Friedman also said he would slap companies that hire undocumented workers with heavy fines and require documented workers to carry a special identification card.

**Statewide voter program debuts**

Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams and University of Texas baseball coach Augie Garrido kicked off a state voter education project dubbed "VOTEXAS" Sept. 5 in Austin.

The program encourages voters to find out when they will vote, where they will vote and how to use the new equipment in their precincts.

A mobile exhibit will make its way around the state, demonstrating the five different types of electronic voting machines used in Texas.

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State Capital



**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

People who visit the exhibit will have a chance to cast a practice ballot.

The program complies with the federal Help America Vote Act, which requires states to do the following:

- create a centralized statewide voter registration list;
- improve vote casting and counting systems;
- make more polls accessible for disabled and visually impaired voters;
- provide assistance to "non-English language dominant voters";
- train election officials, workers and volunteers; and
- implement voter education programs.

**Cigar Smoking**

Smoking one to two cigars per day presents significant oral health risks, even though many would consider this "light" use.

The risk for oral cancers is doubled compared to someone who has never smoked. Someone smoking at the same moderate level increased the risk of cancer of larynx by more than six times that of a non-smoker.

Like cigarette smoking, the risks from cigar smoking increase with the number of cigars smoked per day.

Large cigars typically contain between 5 grams and 17 grams of tobacco. It is not unusual for some premium cigars to contain the tobacco equivalent of an entire pack of cigarettes. This increase in the amount of tobacco exposure has health consequences.

Large cigars can take between one and two hours to smoke, whereas most cigarettes take less than 10 minutes to smoke.

If you have questions about the risks of cigar smoking, talk to your dentist.

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*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**Sept. 16, 1982**

Bids for a proposed project to improve US 90A near Eagle Lake in Colorado County are being accepted by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. It is hoped that it will be widened to a four-lane highway...

Funeral services were held for Gene "Bozo" Green, former resident of the Garwood area for many years on Sept. 8...

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sheridan attended the annual membership meeting and election of officers of the Texas Red Angus Association held in Temple. Mr. Walker was re-elected president; Dorothy, was re-elected secretary-treasurer; and Mr. Sheridan was re-elected a director...

Mrs. Juanita Pillsbury Schindler of Alleyton passed away at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Sept. 15 from Mill-Bauer Funeral Home...

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson welcomed their fourth child, a son, Joseph Benjamin, born Sept. 10 at Texas Woman's Hospital in Houston...

Hortensia Jaramillo, daughter of Prajedes and Nicolasa Jaramillo of Eagle Lake was promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class. She is a storage specialist at Fort Hood...

Wal-Mart is set to open Sept. 21 in Sealy...

Caroline Ashby, celebrated her first birthday at a party hosted by her parents, Jacalyn and Brock Ashby on the patio at their home in Eagle Lake...

Ms. Antonia Navarro, former resident of Eagle Lake closed her

eyes to peaceful rest on Sept. 9. Funeral services were held Sept. 11 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baros of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their first child, a son, John Eric, born Sept. 10 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Gregory Korenek, of St. Mary's Parish of Nada has entered the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Santa Fe New Mexico...

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Freeman Jr. of Lissie welcomed their second child, a son, Justin Wade, born August 20 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton...

Holli Shindler was honored on the occasion of her second birthday by her parents Jeri Lou and Phillip Shindler at their home in Eagle Lake...

Injuries received in a trucking accident near Brookshire on the morning of Sept. 9 claimed the life of Jose Guadalupe Losoya, Sr., of Eagle Lake...

Friends of Saretha Milligan were glad to hear she was back at work following surgery performed on a pinched nerve in her right hand recently...

**September 25, 1958**  
Rev. Billy McDaniel is new pastor of the Presbyterian

Church...

Rev. Leslie McDaniel was appointed duties as pastor of the Colly Memorial Methodist Church...

Dick Richter was elected president of the Future Farmers of America for the 1958-59 year. He is a junior at Eagle Lake High School...

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Laughlin, Jr. are the proud parents of a daughter, Virginia Ann, born Tuesday, September 16 in Laughlin Hospital...

Ed Causey, Jr. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Causey here last weekend...

New cheerleaders for the Junior High School are Rita Dromgoole, head cheerleader, Candy Thomas, Martha Black, Doris Lednicki and Sue Matthews...

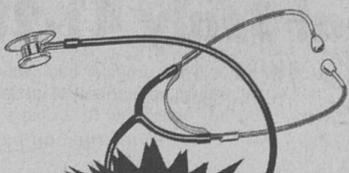
Weimar Wildcats beat the Eagle Lake Eagles for a 38 to 12 victory. Eagles entertain Garwood Gars on local gridiron Friday...

Garwood Gars beat the Bay City B team in Garwood 32 to 14, travel to Eagle Lake Friday...

Sheridan Broncos roped the Wallis Steers 18 to 8 in a non-district contest, travel to Somerville Friday night.

All Ages Invited • Free Admission • Door Prizes • Health Information

**WHARTON COUNTY HEALTH FAIR**



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**September 19, 2006**

**12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

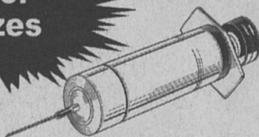
**El Campo Civic Center**

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Free Resource Booklet - Big Door Prizes

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Advanced Directives
- Information on Cancer
- Blood Sugar Screenings
- Cholesterol Screenings - Depression Screenings
- Refreshments On Sale - Benefit Relay for Life
- Health Care Services Information
- Rainbow The Clown - Freebies and More

**Door Prizes**



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